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SUBJ: MINTOFF ADMITS QADHAFI MERGER OFFER

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1. IN RESPONSE TO OPPOSITION QUESTION P.M. MINTOFF ADMITTED THAT QADHAFI HAD PROPOSED THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES MERGE TWO MONTHS AFTER THE MLP TOOK OFFICE (JUNE 1971) AND THAT THE BRITISH AND ITALIAN GOVERNMENTS HAD BEEN INFORMED OF THE PROPOSAL. THE OFFER WAS MADE IN THE SPIRIT OF FREINDSHIP AND, SO FAR AS HE KNEW, WAS STILL OPEN. HE HAD RESPONDED THAT TI WAS NOT THE RIGHT MOMENT IN HISTORY FOR SUCH A MERGER. MINTOFF SAID THAT QADHAFI'S OFFER WAS A GREAT HONOR TO THE MALTESE PEOPLE AND POINTED TO THE CLOSE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. HE STATED THAT HE AND QADHAFI HAD NEVER DISCUSSED WHAT FORM SUCH A MERGER MIGHT TAKE.

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2. ANOTHER OPPOSITION MP ASKED FOR DETAILS OF LIBYAN FINANCIAL

ASSISTANCE TO MALTA, BUT MINTOFF DECLINED, SAYING THAT THE
REVELATION OF SUCH INFORMATION WAS NOT IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST.
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